

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Prosperity begins in the ground—in the fields, the forests, the mines. All these factors are just as good as they ever were. But they all require men and men's brains to make them yield. And the men must be on the job. The only antidote for hard times is hard work.—Hugh Chalmers.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR REPUBLICANS.

The well-known ability of politicians to do anything with election figures will come in handy for the Democrats in trying to prove that Democracy has won victories in the state elections of yesterday.

The elections, so far as reports which have reached here show, carry much encouragement for the Republican party. The defeat of Governor Walsh, Democrat, in Massachusetts, and the victory of his Republican opponent, Samuel W. McCall, is significant. Governor Walsh has been popularly supposed to possess tremendous hold on the voters of Massachusetts and personally is an able man. So is McCall—and the people have preferred a Republican. The election of Democrats in Maryland and Kentucky was to be expected, as both of these states are always likely to be found in the Bourbon column. In New York the victory of Tammany Hall will carry little hope for the administration Democrats, since President Wilson and the New York Democrats aligned with the administration are at best on none-too-good terms with Tammany.

Democrats will of course claim that no national issues were at stake, and that these elections demonstrate nothing concerning the strength of President Wilson with the people. That remains to be seen. It is true that on the mainland there is great praise for Mr. Wilson from members of all parties and that he seems to possess the confidence of the country in a marked degree so far as his foreign policy is concerned.

One issue which figured in the elections yesterday was made national by administration Democrats themselves—the suffrage question. When the president a few days before the New Jersey election said that he would vote for suffrage, immediately the Wilson supporters and newspapers the country over said that the president's attitude undoubtedly would be a marked factor in the state elections where the suffrage issue figured. They will derive little comfort from the fact that since Mr. Wilson's announcement New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania have defeated woman suffrage overwhelmingly.

RIDICULOUS AND TRAGIC.

It is both ridiculous and tragic to hear apparently intelligent delegates in the charter convention refer to the proposed superintendent of city works as the "city manager."

As a matter of fact, the kind of superintendent of city works that will be secured under the charter that is being developed will bear no more resemblance to a city manager than a hawk does to a handsaw. It is ridiculous for delegates solemnly to discuss the benefits this superintendency will confer upon Honolulu; it is tragic to think of the retrogression to machine politics and patronage government encouraged by this scheme.

Admitted that the superintendent of city works will have a large field of labor and responsibility of jurisdiction, from the very nature of his position he will be handicapped. The whole theory of efficient government as obtained through the city managership is freedom from political strings. The manager is appointed by the city's legislative body; he is responsible only to them and they place real power in his hands. The continuance of his job rests on the manager's producing results; responsibility is centered; duties are concentrated; the emphasis is placed not on pleasing the political bosses but on pleasing the people.

The scheme proposed for Honolulu is fundamentally wrong because the superintendent of city works is to be elected by the people and must plunge into politics to win his office. Once elected, he will be tied up in the strings which during the campaign won him votes. He must play politics to win and the result is that he must play politics to stay in office. And right there efficiency will be shot to rags.

Current political rumor has it that the entire move for an elected superintendent of city works is to provide a big municipal job for

Harry Murray. Murray's insistence on the plan gives the rumor color; furthermore, the scheme is constructed to fit exactly the Murray case.

No matter what Mr. Murray's abilities, any scheme of government built around one personality has no place in a city charter. To put in a charter a provision designed to furnish a job for any man or set of men is to degrade the charter.

There are other thoroughly bad provisions in the charter as it is being worked out. This is one of the worst. If in its final form the charter should provide for this new job, this new cog in a machine, this new opportunity for political exploitation of the city, the voters of Honolulu will have one more sound reason for repudiating the work of the convention.

ITALY'S SLOW PROGRESS.

Accustomed as Americans are to the confusing reports of fighting from the war-zone, and the irreconcilable claims of the various belligerents, nothing quite so utterly contradictory has come out of the smoke of battle as the announcements concerning the Italo-Austrian campaign. On one side the Italians claim steady if slow progress on both Trieste and Trentino fronts and have twice said that the Austrian lines had been dislodged and driven back considerable distances. On the other side, Vienna announced yesterday that the Italian offensive has completely broken down and the Italian losses of 150,000 men have broken their campaign.

It is true that the Italian campaign against Trieste has been disappointingly slow. More progress was expected here than in the Trent section because there were fewer natural obstacles, it seemed. Yet it has been weeks since the Italians claimed that Gorizia was falling and would soon be in their hands, and many weeks before this Monfalcone was alleged to be on the point of surrender. A few days ago Italian despatches said that the Austrians would have to triple their forces to halt the advance of Victor Emmanuel's army. Either the Italians are winning their way by feet instead of miles or they sustained a decided check long ago and have concealed it under the ample cloak of censorship.

Superintendent of Public Works Forbes has reached a wise decision not to attempt to restore the heiaus or temples of Hawaii by reconstruction with such facilities as he has at hand. So little is known in definite detail of the physical features of the heiaus that even antiquaries who have given the matter years of study do not agree on points which are essential if historical accuracy counts for anything. Mr. Forbes' enthusiasm and desire to assure the permanency of these relics of antiquity are cordially appreciated and in offering his services to any association or individuals who may later wish to attempt this task of reconstruction he is manifesting his good intentions. In the meantime, his office will do what is possible to save the ancient stone structures from further disintegration.

Crimes cannot be hidden. Sooner or later comes the day of reckoning, when the shrinking criminal feels the unspeakable shame of his own wrongdoing and the sorrow he has brought on others. In every one of the recent embezzlements that have shocked the conscience of Honolulu, terrible grief has been brought to friends and relatives. The certainty of final discovery, the certainty of disgrace, is shown in these recent "incidents." Theirs should be a lesson so vivid that it will halt others before they have stolen the money, falsified the books or betrayed the trust.

The fall of Nish is near. This item brings special sorrow to those who realize that the next names to figure in the Balkan campaign will probably be Prkuplevac and Tehatjgnok.

The president's engagement was announced on the same day as the recommendations for retaining the sugar tariff. That's what we call encouraging home industry.

We haven't any doubt that Col. Roosevelt will be able to show a Progressive victory in the state elections yesterday.

The dove of peace may be looking from the ark but it's finding some mighty rainy weather outside.

"Sunday Quiet in Chicago." Needless to say, this headline does not refer to Billy.

SCOUTS TO GIVE ROYAL WELCOME FOR J. A. WILDER

Will All be at Pier Next Wednesday When Steamer Matsonia Docks

Plans for a royal welcome home to James A. Wilder, known as "The Father of the Boy Scout Movement in Hawaii," are taking definite shape. Mr. Wilder will sail tomorrow on the Matsonia from San Francisco and will arrive here next Wednesday morning.

For the last several months, Mr. Wilder has been on the mainland visiting and inspecting Boy Scout activities in the states from San Francisco to New York. He is returning to Honolulu filled with new ideas for Boy Scout work in the islands.

According to Harry Hayward, deputy commissioner of Boy Scouts for the territory, the latest plans for Mr. Wilder's homecoming reception are as follows:

All Boy Scouts in the area will be on hand at Pier 15 Wednesday morning, November 10, before 7:30 o'clock, the time the ship is due to dock. Mr. Hayward has made arrangements for the Hawaiian band to be at the pier to play Mr. Wilder's own composition "The Boy Scout March" as the ship is docking.

That evening a big campfire will be lighted, probably at Kaalawala, and at this occasion the scout troops of the area will welcome Mr. Wilder and listen to his recital of experience and observations concerning Boy Scout activities in the states.

Saturday afternoon, in the games hall of the Y. M. C. A., the first instruction period in first-aid work will be given the scouts of Honolulu at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Hayward announced this morning.

LETTERS

HIS GENERAL KICK.

Honolulu, Nov. 3, 1915.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—I would like to correct a statement made by your reporter at the last Friday's meeting of the board of supervisors. I did not state that I was the best blacksmith in the city, as I know there are others that can do the same work as myself or in fact better in a certain line of work. Mr. Whitehouse has not given me a fair deal, as I know that I have tried to save money for this poor Republican board, although I am satisfied that I have proven myself but got no thanks from the road committee. Mr. Whitehouse is a fine engineer and he surely thinks he is. I pity him from the bottom of my heart. Next election will be a lockout for the present board and the mayor.

"Never again" as most of the Hawaiian voters put it. They will think twice before casting their vote. The road committee is asleep. There is only one good man in that committee and that is — I will not mention his name.

Thanking you for your space,
H. E. ABBEY.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JOHN MARTIN: Now that the supervisors are making all of these traffic ordinances I suggest that they make one providing that the license tags on automobiles shall be painted green to correspond with the eternal verdure of Hawaii.

—A. P. TAYLOR: By a strange coincidence I am sailing for San Francisco on a campaign for the Hawaiian islands, on the date, 19 years after ward, that I sailed from New York for Cuba, to enter on a campaign with the Cubans against the Spaniards. That was in 1896.

—J. L. MEARS: I am glad to hear that Manoa citizens may bring to the attention of the city supervisors the disgraceful condition of Kamalele park. It is possible that with a few weeks more of rain the notorious "bad men" of the valley may make this spot their rendezvous. Certainly if the weeds get much thicker the entire Manoa citizen police force will not be able to find them in the jungle.

—J. MacDONALD, department commander, United Spanish War Veterans: From a very recent personal letter from Congressman L. C. Dyer of the 12th District of Missouri, present commander-in-chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, he wishes me to extend his aloha to all his service and Honolulu friends, and states that he expects to make another visit to the "Paradise of the Pacific" in the

Personal Mention

H. M. WHITNEY, shipping manager of C. Brewer & Company, will leave tomorrow for Hawaii on his annual vacation. He expects to be gone a month.

MISS ING A ORNER, a noted young singer who is to appear here in several song recitals, arrived this morning on the Canadian-Australasian liner Makura from Vancouver.

MRS. D. L. PETERSON sailed today on the Wilhelmina for a visit with her sister in San Francisco. She will visit the exposition while away and will remain a month or more.

MR. and MRS. T. H. HALSTEAD, well-known Honolulu residents, returned here today on the Canadian-Australasian steamer Makura from Vancouver. They have been away two months.

J. B. HAWTHORNE, a wealthy land owner of Australia, arrived this morning on the Makura from Vancouver, to tour the islands and pass some time here sightseeing. He has been touring the states.

W. G. OGG, manager of the Hawaiian Agricultural Company of Kau, Hawaii, left for the mainland in the Wilhelmina today, accompanied by Mrs. Ogg. They will visit the exposition in San Francisco and return to Honolulu about December 1.

GOVERNOR PINKHAM is still detained at his home on Hackfeld street and is managing the cares of office from afar. The governor is suffering from the results of a hurt which he received during his trip to Hawaii in June, 1914.

GEORGE FLOOD, one of the Flood brothers, owners of the steamer Mackinaw, sailed this morning on the Wilhelmina for San Francisco. He came in on the Mackinaw, after making the trip to Australia and New Caledonia in the steamer, which sailed last week from this port for San Francisco, en route to New York.

CAPT. CHARLES A. LUNN of the wrecked American schooner O. M. Kellogg, sailed this morning on the Wilhelmina, with Mrs. Lund and eight men of the ship's crew, for San Francisco. Their transportation to the mainland will be paid by the government, from a fund providing for the relief of shipwrecked American seamen.

C. D. WRIGHT of the Star-Bulletin business office left this morning on the Wilhelmina for San Francisco, where he will pass the next several weeks seeing the exposition and visiting friends and relatives. He plans to make a side-trip to the Yosemite from the exposition city and may return on the first trip of the Great Northern.

DR. GEORGE W. MCCOY sailed this morning on the Wilhelmina for Washington, to take up his work as director of the government hygienic laboratory there. He was recently appointed, and his successor here, Dr. Donald H. Currie, arrived last week. Dr. McCoy has been director of U. S. leprosy investigation work here for four years.

C. P. MORSE, general freight agent here for the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, is probably in New York this week. A letter received a few days ago by the local office stated that he expected to leave San Francisco for New York, October 27. Mr. Morse is expected to reach Honolulu again the first week in December. He is helping to arrange the 1916 schedule of American-Hawaiian sailings.

JOHN H. DREW, manager of Castle & Cooke's shipping department, left this morning on the Wilhelmina, accompanied by Mrs. Drew and their daughter, Louise. This is Mr. Drew's annual visit, made for the purpose of reporting to the Maison Navigation Company's home office concerning the year's business. Castle & Cooke are local Matson agents. Mr. Drew will return either December 7 or 14. He will confer in San Francisco regarding plans for the new steamer, the contract for which was let recently.

near future. With a little hustling I wouldn't be surprised if Honolulu landed one of our national annual encampments.

—WILLIAM F. YOUNG (postmaster): So the new Matson steamer will be twin-screw and turbine drive, eh? Well, I'm glad to hear it. She ought to have more speed than the Matsonia and should help to give us more than the one mail a week we are now getting from the mainland. Two hundred sacks of mail three times a week is needed here more than 600 sacks once a week.

COL. SATO ON WAY TO WESTERN ZONE OF EUROPEAN WAR

Lieut.-Col. Y. Sato of the Japanese Imperial Army, who is a well known authority on conditions in China, and one of the closest Japanese friends of President Yuan Shih-Kai, having formerly been military attaché to the Japanese legation at Peking, was among the passengers on the Shinyo Maru, which left here yesterday for the coast.

Col. Sato is on his way to the western section of the war zone in Europe on behalf of Japan. He was a staff officer during the Sino-Japanese war, and retired from active service after losing a foot in battle. For a time he was editor of the Kokumin Shinbun, one of Japan's most influential daily newspapers. He is related to C. Shizawa, former owner of the Hawaii Salina of Honolulu.

SUGAR TONNAGE ESTIMATES FOR 1916 COMING IN

Estimates placed by local sugar companies on the 1916 crops show the general prospect of a good output throughout the islands. Pioneer Mill Company guesses its crop as making between 30,000 and 31,000 tons. Last year the company estimated the harvest at 28,000 tons, which was more than 5000 tons below the actual yield.

Castle & Cooke are estimating their various plantation yields as follows: Ewa Plantation, 28,000 tons; Waiiala Agricultural Company, 30,000 tons;

SEEK TO EJECT PRINCESS FROM GORE PROPERTY

A suit which seeks to eject Mrs. Theresa Wilcox Belliveau, familiarly known as "Princess Theresa," and her husband, Lewis T. B. Belliveau, from the Gore lot at King and Richards streets, has been filed in the local circuit court by the law firm of Holmes & Olson, as attorneys for the trustees of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop estate.

This long-expected move by the Bishop estate was made late yesterday afternoon, the petition being addressed to Clarence W. Ashford, first judge of the circuit court. A long and bitter fight is predicted in the settlement of the matter to determine whether the Bishop estate or Princess Theresa is the rightful owner of the property. It is rumored that the territory may also step into the fracas and claim that neither party in the suit owns the property.

Early last September the "princess" and her husband quietly "jumped" the Gore lot and proceeded with the erection of a garage, which since has been completed. The completion of the garage was celebrated with a luau about a week ago.

The "princess" declares that the Bishop estate will never be able to force her off the property, alleging that she has a solid right and title to the place through inheritance.

Kchala Sugar Company, 5000 tons. H. Hackfeld & Company believe the 1916 crop of the Oahu Sugar Company will be between 30,000 and 31,000 tons, and that the 1917 crop will amount to between 35,000 and 36,000 tons. New acreage planted should bring the 1918 crop up to between 40,000 and 45,000 tons.

Several vessels from the Atlantic fleet arrived in New York harbor participating in the naval war game off the coast.

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